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## **ROBERT W. OLSON**

Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

August 14, 2002

## **BY HAND DELIVERY**

Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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Re:

Chiquita Brands International, Inc. (File No. 1-1550) Sworn Statements of Principal Executive Officer and

Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Commission Order No. 4-460

Dear Mr. Katz:

In accordance with the above-mentioned Order of the Securities and Exchange Commission, enclosed are sworn statements from each of Cyrus F. Freidheim, Jr., Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer), and James B. Riley, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer), of Chiquita Brands International, Inc.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the enclosed statements by stamping the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to our messenger.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (513) 784-8804.

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Olson

Senior Vice President and

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General Counsel

**Enclosures** 

- I, Cyrus F. Freidheim, Jr., state and attest that:
  - 1. To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Chiquita Brands International, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
    - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
    - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).
  - 2. I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
  - 3. In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
    - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the Year Ended December 31, 2001 of Chiquita Brands International, Inc.;
    - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Chiquita Brands International, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

· any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Cyrus F. Freidheim, Jr.

Chairman of the Board, President and

Chief Executive Officer

August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 44 day of August, 2002.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

ROBERT W. OLSON, Attorney at Law Notery Public, State of Chio My Commission Has No Expiration Date Section 147.03

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